SENATE BILL 276

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CHAPTER	
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1 AN ACT concerning

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Drivers' Licenses and Identification Cards – Notation of Veteran Status

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Veterans Affairs, on request, to 4 provide a veteran with a document certifying veteran status; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to ensure that the driver's license or 5 6 identification card of an applicant who presents a certain certification of certain 7 documentation certifying veteran status includes a notation indicating that the 8 applicant is a veteran; requiring an application for a driver's license or an 9 identification card to allow an applicant to indicate that the applicant is a 10 veteran and consents to being contacted by the Department certain Executive Branch agencies under certain circumstances for certain purposes; requiring the 11 Administration to electronically transmit certain information to the Department 12 13 certain Executive Branch agencies under certain circumstances; authorizing the Administration to adopt regulations to carry out certain provisions of this Act; 14 providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to drivers' licenses 15 and identification cards of veterans. 16

- 17 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
- 18 Article State Government
- 19 Section 9–901(a), (b), and (d)
- 20 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 21 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

<u>Underlining</u> indicates amendments to bill.

Strike out indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 2 3 4 5	BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – State Government Section 9–905 Annotated Code of Maryland (2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)			
6 7 8 9	BY adding to Article – Transportation Section 12–302 Annotated Code of Maryland (2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)			
$egin{array}{c} 1 \ 1 \ 2 \end{array}$	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:			
13	Article - State Government			
4	9–901.			
15	(a) In the	is subt	citle the following words have the meanings indicated.	
16	(b) "Depa	artmei	nt" means the Department of Veterans Affairs.	
17 18 19 20	(d) Except as otherwise provided in §§ 9–906 and 9–907 of this subtitle, "veteran" means an individual who served on active duty in the armed forces of the United States, other than for training, and was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable.			
21	9–905.			
22	The Department shall:			
23 24 25	(1) regularly all of the law; [and]	-	veterans and their dependents to receive promptly and fits to which veterans or dependents are entitled under federal	
26	(2)	help	veterans and their dependents in:	
27		(i)	preparing, in proper form, claims for benefits;	
28		(ii)	presenting the claims to the appropriate governmental unit;	
29 30	of the claims; and	(iii)	trying to prevent and to relieve congestion in the processing	
31		(iv)	obtaining and expediting action on the claims; AND	

- 1 (3) ON REQUEST, PROVIDE A VETERAN WITH A DOCUMENT 2 CERTIFYING VETERAN STATUS.
- 3 Article Transportation

INDICATING THAT THE APPLICANT IS A VETERAN.

4 **12–302.**

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- 5 (A) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ENSURE THAT THE DRIVER'S LICENSE
 6 OR IDENTIFICATION CARD OF AN APPLICANT WHO PRESENTS A CERTIFICATION
 7 OF VETERAN STATUS OBTAINED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS
 8 AFFAIRS IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 9–905 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE,
 9 A DD FORM 214, OR OTHER DOCUMENTATION ACCEPTABLE TO THE
 10 ADMINISTRATION CERTIFYING VETERAN STATUS, INCLUDES A NOTATION
- 12 (B) (1) AN APPLICATION FOR A DRIVER'S LICENSE OR AN
 13 IDENTIFICATION CARD SHALL ALLOW AN APPLICANT TO INDICATE THAT THE
 14 APPLICANT IS A VETERAN AND CONSENTS TO BEING CONTACTED BY THE
 15 DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS APPROPRIATE EXECUTIVE BRANCH
 16 AGENCIES REGARDING THE APPLICANT'S ELIGIBILITY FOR STATE OR FEDERAL
 17 VETERANS' BENEFITS.
- 18 (2) The In accordance with § 10-616 of the State
 19 Government Article and any other applicable law, and on request
 20 By an Executive Branch agency, the Administration shall
 21 Electronically transmit to the Department of Veterans Affairs
 22 Executive Branch agency appropriate information about each
 23 Applicant who consents in accordance with paragraph (1) of this
 24 Subsection.
- 25 (C) THE ADMINISTRATION MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT 26 THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2012 January 1, 2013.